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Inventors:

Halimaoui et al.

Title:

PROCESS FOR FORMING

AN OXIDE LAYER OF

NON-UNIFORM

THICKNESS ON THE SURFACE OF A SILICON

SUBSTRATE

Examiner:

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Art Unit:

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## PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.136 FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicant respectfully petitions the Commissioner for a two-month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 within which to respond to the Official Action mailed August 21, 2003, such extension allowing the undersigned until February 21, 2003 to respond. If any further extension of time is required, Applicant hereby requests the appropriate extension of time.

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A fee authorization is enclosed for the extension of time fee. However, if the fee authorization is missing or insufficient, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Meyertons, Hood, Kivlin, Kowert & Goetzel, P.C. Deposit Account No. 50-1505\5053-35700\EBM.

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